



# REPORTS

—OF THE—

Selectmen and other Town Officers

—OF—

CHARLESTOWN, N. H.

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

—FOR THE—

*Year ending March 1, 1877.*



CHARLESTOWN, N. H.

DAVID S. HAMLIN, BOOK & JOB PRINTER.

1877.



# State of New Hampshire.

**SS.** To the inhabitants of the town of Charlestown qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Tuesday, the 13th. day of March next, at 9 o'clock in the fore-noon, to act upon the following subjects :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To bring in your votes for Governor, Rail-road Commissioner, Councilor, Senator, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner, County Treasurer, and one Representative to Congress in the Third District.

3. To choose one or more Representatives to represent said town in the General Court to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.

4. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

5. To take the sense of the qualified voters whether the alterations and amendments of the constitution proposed by the constitutional convention shall be approved.

6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations of the same.

7. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey at their discretion, the land lying east of the Village Cemetery, or any part thereof, and ratify and confirm the sales which have been made by the Selectmen, of springs and water rights thereon.

8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Schools, for the maintainance of the poor, laying out and repairing Highways, and building and repairing Bridges.

9. To see if the town will vote to give Lincoln Post No. 28, G. A. R. Fifty Dollars towards defraying the necessary expenses attending the memorial services to be observed in this Village and at No. Charlestown on the 30th. day of May, 1877.

10. To see if the town will take any measures for the sale of the History of Charlestown other than the

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# REPORT

—OF THE—

OFFICERS OF THE

## TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

*For the year ending March 1, 1877.*

### Report of the Selectmen.

The Town at the annual meeting in March, 1876, voted to raise the following sums :

State Tax.....	\$ 3024 00
County Tax.....	3200 00
Schools.....	2436 00
Roads and Bridges.....	800 00
Town Officers.....	1000 00
Paupers.....	1000 00
Interest on Town Debt.....	2000 00
Incidentals.....	600 00
Cemeteries.....	200 00
Highways.....	2000 00
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	\$ 16260 00
Selectmen added.....	\$ 653 00
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	\$ 16913 00

# TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

in account with George Olcott, *Treasurer.*

## Dr.

Balance due the Treasurer Mar. 1876,....	\$ 727 16
Town Debt,.....	6214 82
Town Paupers,.....	460 89
County ".....	541 65
Town Farm,.....	546 74
Schools,.....	2566 07
Town History,.....	2774 55
Incidentals,.....	603 80
Cemeteries,.....	255 61
Roads & Bridges,.....	1498 64
Town Officers,.....	712 95
Sheep killed,.....	45 00

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\$ 16947 88

## Cr.

By Cash Sale of Stimpson's tools,	\$ 25 00
" Oren Bradford,	26 00
" Borrowed on Town notes,	3650 00
" Pension, O. Thomson heirs,	90 00
" Horace Hull, spring,	25 00
" County Paupers,	378 47
" E. Miler, highway taxes,	1 13
" Railroad tax,	418 83
" Savings Bank tax,	1861 66
" Literary Fund,	174 60
" 15 Heliotypes, History,	375 00
" School Dis. No. 7,	36
" " No. 6,	1 00
" G. S. Bond, rent Hall,	6 69
" E. Cooley, rent of store,	115 00
" J. B. Duns Moor, T. Farm,	4 12
" F. W. Putnam, }	
rent Lynds' house, }	10 00



"	223 Town Histories sold,	670 75	
"	H. B. Viall, taxes,	70 21	
"	H. Hull, Coll'r of Taxes,	7412 58	
"	J. McCrae, sale of oxen,	135 00	
		<hr/>	\$15451 40
	Balance due the Treasurer,		\$ 1496 48

1876.

**SCHOOLS.**

Paid	Milan Atwood, District No. 1,		\$ 120 61
	G. S. Bond, " 2 & 3		989 14
	T. J. Hunt, " 4		205 26
	E. F. Hubbard, " 5		196 65
	Fred. H. Lock, " 6		184 95
	R. R. Allen, " 7		128 91
	H. H. Miller, " 8		117 85
	Oren E. Fiske, " 9		175 84
	Oliver P. Cross, " 10		53 00
	L. S. Fairbanks, " 11		99 27
	Mark Lane, " 12		61 18
	R. W. Robertson, " 13		141 61
	J. R. Densmore, " 14		50 00
	R. R. Allen, " 15 Claremont,	31 80	
	G. H. Leet, R. R. Allen, 6 "	10 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 2566 07

**ROADS & BRIDGES.**

R. Robertson,		\$ 3 00
E. F. Hubbard,		6 50
G. L. Bond, labor,		21 50
Samuel Putnam, Jr., labor,		13 80
Oliver P. Cross,	"	5 40
Henry Waite	"	6 13
R. R. Allen,	"	13 80
Dexter Bradford,	"	16 60
Michael Galvin,	"	6 13

Rufus Heywood,	“	29	15
Patrick Morris,	“	4	81
James Corbin,	“	5	25
George Olcott,	“	9	00
E. Cooley,	“	1	00
Warren H. Dodge,	“	4	00
R. R. Allen, plank,		1	68
E. H. Tidd, breaking road,		1	25
F. W. Putnam, labor & cash,		7	77
Charles Fisher, road scraper,		125	00
Samuel Putnam, Jr., labor,		16	20
O. P. Cross,	“	19	13
H. B. Wing,	“	59	65
Lucian Lane,	“	8	75
George G. Bowen,	“	67	60
Lewis Lane,	“	8	75
Ira M. Perry,	“	50	00
George Burnham,	“	5	00
A. D. Hull,	“	22	63
W. H. Labaree, nails		2	99
Geo. S. Bond, tile, lead pipe and labor,		25	82
Samuel Foss, blacksmith bill,		19	15
Warren H. Dodge, labor,		5	10
Eli Adams, labor and plank,		194	70
Samuel Foss, labor,		26	00
W. S. Westgate, damage,		7	00
Samuel Putnam, Jr., labor,		8	22
A. D. Hull,	“	50	13
Geo. Burnham,	“	5	00
Hiram Smith,	“	15	41
Leonard S. Fairbanks,		13	00
James Jardine, lumber,		11	89
J. S. Fish,	“	23	04
R. R. Allen, lumber and plank,		32	00
Geo. Burnham,	“	12	00
Geo. A. White,	“	3	50
Geo. L. Bond,	“	13	00
Israel Gibson,	“	2	00
Edward Gibson,	“	2	00
A. A. Loveland,	“	7	50
Geo. G. Bowen, breaking roads.		32	50

G. Burnham,	" "	3 00
G. G. Bowen,	" "	32 50
D. E. Farwell,	" "	3 50
Oren E. Fisk,	" "	27 43
A. D. Hull, labor,		11 64
Henry C. Johnson, labor on bridge,		2 50
T. Marony,	" "	1 00
W. F. Allen, clearing ditch,		2 50
Wm. Putnam, labor,		14 85
F. H. Lock,	" "	5 00
Eli Adams, breaking roads and labor,		12 00
L. S. Fairbanks, breaking roads,		6 15
Gilman Bowen,	" plow,	3 00
E. F. Hubbard, labor,		17 00
H. N. Dodge,	" "	12 90
G. H. Leet,	" "	22 37
C. B. Williamson, broken plow,		2 50
J. D. Richardson, breaking roads,		57 17
S. H. Grinnell, right of way,		3 00
R. Robertson, water course,		4 00
James E. Perry, breaking roads,		9 25
Lewis Lane,	" "	14 20
Ralph Ward,	" "	1 50
Lucian Lane,	" "	15 52
Charles Gay,	" "	4 37
S. G. Smith, water trough,		1 50
Metcalf & Hamlin, nails,		2 55
O. P. Cross, breaking road,		16 00
J. W. Taylor, 5 00 Samuel Putnam. Jr., 22 05		27 05
James Milliken, breaking roads,		6 45
Allen Evans,	" "	3 30
A. C. Eggleston,	" "	27 15
R. W. Piper,	" "	2 40
M. J. Whipple,	" "	7 65
H. B. Wing,		4 50
G. Way, lumber,		27 36
D. W. Parks, labor,		2 50
Mrs. Fauny Dinsmoor, w. trough,		3 00
W. Hamlin,	" "	3 00
Geo. H. Powers, breaking roads,		7 00
Albert Lane,	" "	1 95



Albert Lane, damages,	6 00
S. P. Osgood, turning water,	2 00
B. W. Putnam, gravel,	5 00
E. H. Tidd, breaking road,	3 00
A. C. Eggleston,	12 00
Geo. Burnham,	15 50
Henry Von Fintell,	1 00
B. Kimball,	3 00

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\$ 1498 64

### TOWN PAUPERS.

R. W. Robertson, Tramps,	\$ 1 67
Amanda Wetherbe, Mrs. Newton,	15 00
Mrs. J. Chamberlain, Strickland,	147 00
State Reform School, Thompson Boy,	26 00
M. J. Campbell, Tramps,	20 00
Emery Corbin, sawing wood for Derby,	1 25
George Hubbard, wood for Derby,	5 00
M. J. Campbell, tramps,	10 00
State Refom School, Thompson Boy,	26 00
M. J. Campbell, tramps,	4 00
F. W. Putnam, tramps,	3 50
State Reform School, Thompson Boy,	26 00
F. W. Putnam, tramps,	4 50
M. J. Campbell, 130 tramps,	65 00
R. W. Piper, tramps,	11 30
J. A. Hunt, goods,	6 37
N. G. Brooks, Strickland,	7 50
State Reform School, Thompson Boy,	26 00
M. J. Campbell, tramps,	35 50
H. C. Ellenwood, Coffin & Shroud,	14 00
R. W. Piper, tramps,	1 55
W. H. Labaree, P. Nevers,	75
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\$ 460 89	

### COUNTY PAUPERS.

E. H. Tidd for Mrs. Derby,	\$ 5 00
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R. W. Robertson, Brunell,	5 01
A. Partney, J. Parent,	4 00
John Ashy, Tie,	10 00
F. S. Barbour, W. S. Straw,	1 25
J. P. Brown, Pollard & Heyward,	87 66
A. Partney, J. Parent,	8 00
Nancy Straw,	3 00
R. W. Piper, Brunell,	6 68
D. G. Stoughton, transient,	2 60
A. Partney, J. Parent,	16 00
J. P. Brown, R. Heywood,	42 30
N. G. Brooks, attendance Derby,	18 00
W. H. Labaree, supplies for Derby,	9 65
N. G. Brooks, “	13 50
E. A. Randall, “	3 50
W. H. Labaree, goods,	48 43
N. G. Brooks, “	38 00
George Hubbard, wood,	15 75
J. P. Bates, Laguee,	12 53
“ “ Derby,	17 53
“ “ Laguee,	3 65
W. H. Labaree, “	5 00
J. P. Bancroft, Heywood,	90 77
E. S. Marble, wood, Derby,	6 00
R. Robertson, Laguee,	80
Metcalf & Hamlin, D. L. Straw,	5 00
L. H. Royce,	2 50
D. G. Stoughton, transient,	1 85
J. B. Dinsmoor, wood, Derby,	3 50
B. W. Putnam, Tie,	2 00
W. H. Labaree, Derby,	30 59
S. P. Osgood,	9 00
C. Brunell, supplies,	12 60
	<hr/> \$ 541 65

### TRAMP ACCOUNT.

Tramps fed and lodged for the year 1876, }	
Mary J. Campbell 267 fed and lodged, }	\$ 133 50
F. W. Putnam, 32 fed.	8 00

R. W. Piper, 63 & 21 lodgings,	12 85
Town Farm, 200 fed and lodged,	100 00

Whole cost of Tramps,	\$ 254 35
The expense at Town Farm not drawn from the Treasury,	} \$ 100 00

Drawn from Treasury,	154 35
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### TOWN OFFICERS.

S. L. Fletcher, Auditor,.....	\$ 9 00
R. W. Piper, ".....	7 50
Eugene De Normandie, Supt. Schools,....	18 00
" " ".....	14 95
James Finnigan, Police,.....	2 00
O. E. Fisk, district, .....	6 00
Geo. W. Hamlin, ".....	4 00
I. Tripp, ser. Police, .....	2 00
Geo. Olcott, Town Treasurer,.....	50 00
A. D. Hull, Police,.....	2 50
C. C. Kimball, Town Clerk,.....	50 00
H. Dugan, Police,.....	2 00
S. P. Osgood, Constable,.....	50 00
R. R. Allen, Selectman,.....	145 00
" " Overseer Poor,.....	20 00
R. W. Piper, Selectman,.....	80 00
F. W. Putnam, ".....	150 00
H. Hull, Collector Taxes,.....	100 00
	\$ 712 95

### CEMETERIES.

Geo. S. Bond, Mt. Hope.....	\$ 16 91
Horace Hull, Fountain Hill.....	45 85
Horace Metcalf, Mt. Hope.....	75 05
Geo. S. Bond, Fountain Hill.....	10 20
Horace Hubbard, Old C.....	2 20
Wilber F. Merrill, Interments.....	22 00
H. C. Ellenwood, ".....	81 45
Geo. S. Bond, Mt. Hope.....	1 95
	\$ 255 61



## TOWN DEBT.

Paid Samuel Webber, Int. on note, No. 32	\$	60	00
" Sarah P. Hiland, " " " 73		30	00
" Sarah P. Hiland, " " " 51		18	00
" Samuel Webber, " " " 81		37	83
" Samuel Neal, " " " 54		180	00
" E. L. Holton, " " " 52		30	00
" Eliphalet Bailey, " " " 59		56	28
" M. A. Hubbard, " " " 34		27	00
" Abby M. Cram, " " " 20		536	50
" Geo. D. Holton, " " " 52		506	66
" Conn. R. National Bank, 74 & 75		203	88
" Sarah G. Whipple, Int. on note,		14	40
" Benj. Whipple, " "		12	00
" Eliphalet Bailey, " "		12	00
" Nancy Green, " "		11	10
" E. L. Holton, " "		60	00
" E. L. Holton, " "		54	00
" R. W. Robertson, " "		300	00
" Geo. Olcott, " "		650	00
" Mary B. Lewis, " "		30	00
" Nancy Tarbell, " "		22	50
" Sarah Aldrich, " "		300	00
" J. R. Walker, " "		72	00
" Sarah G. Whipple, " "		12	00
" Ellen M. Harris, " "		12	72
" Eliphalet Bailey, " "		18	00
" John Stone, " "		87	00
" Silas Stone, " "		15	00
" Sarah W. Stone, " "		12	60
" Int. note No. 84,		6	00
" Conn. R. Savings Bank, Int. on note,		1500	00
" " " " " "		121	40
" Martha A. Hubbard, paid note,		454	80
" George Olcott, note paid,		500	00
" Alonzo Jackman, Int. on note,		90	00
" Int. on over draft, Treasurer,		161	15

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\$ 6214 82

**INCIDENTALS.**

Paid Horace Hull.....	\$ 4 38
“ Morrill & Silsby, record book.....	10 30
“ D. S. Hamlin, notice.....	75
“ “ “ reports.....	40 00
“ John R. Dinsmoor, abatement tax....	2 14
“ Morrill & Silsby, books.....	11 00
“ Claremont Stationery Co., Stationery	2 65
“ Stephen Jones, labor.....	7 00
“ William Daggett, saw dust.....	5 00
“ Henry C. Cooley, labor.....	4 50
“ Cyrus Blake, abatement tax.....	7 16
“ Geo. S. Bond, Town Hall.....	72 44
“ Geo. D. Holton, abatement tax, 1875,	21 42
“ D. S. Hamlin, printing bill.....	6 25
“ C. L. Corbin, Lincoln Post.....	50 00
“ H. P. Sanderson, labor.....	8 25
“ S. A. Spooner, Town Hall.....	10 00
“ Nelson A. Rich, services.....	3 00
“ N. G. Brooks.....	6 75
“ Geo. Burnham, police services.....	2 00
“ Willard Bidwell, abatement taxes....	4 26
“ H. R. Cram, “ “ .....	4 56
“ D. S. Hamlin, check list.....	12 00
“ R. R. Allen, attendance court.....	5 00
“ H. C. Ellenwood, repairing hearse....	27 65
“ R. R. Allen, attendance court.....	5 00
“ Joseph Burt, care of town clock & tile,	18 50
“ A. D. Hull, damages by water.....	16 25
“ W. B. Clark, repairing chairs.....	60
“ D. S. Hamlin, printing.....	1 25
“ E. Cooley, moving snow.....	4 60
“ C. C. Kimball, stationery.....	18 07
“ J. W. Taylor, tile for drain.....	10 95
“ H. B. Viall, abatement taxes.....	24 46
“ “ “ “ “ .....	6 00
“ H. C. Ellenwood, care of gun.....	7 55
“ Riley Goodell, abatement taxes.....	7 10
“ Colby & Batchelder, council,.....	35 00
“ B. W. Putnam, abatement taxes.....	4 13
“ Geo. R. Cushing, “ “ .....	8 25

.. H. Hull, abatement taxes, '75 & '76..	107 63
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	\$ 603 80

### SHEEP KILLED.

J. W. Taylor.....	\$ 10 00
A. C. Way.....	10 00
G. Way.....	25 00
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	\$ 45 00

### TOWN HISTORY.

Paid H. H. Saunderson.....	\$ 45 00
.. .. " .....	45 00
.. .. " .....	60 00
.. .. " .....	75 00
.. .. " .....	81 95
.. H. P. " .....	24 45
.. J. A. French, photographs for history,	31 75
.. C. L. Howe.....	40 00
.. Claremont Manufacturing Co.....	500 00
.. " " " " .....	500 00
.. " " " " .....	621 20
.. " " " " .....	736 00
.. Geo. Olcott.....	14 20
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	\$ 2774 55

### ACCOUNT OF THE TOWN FARM.

TOWN FARM,

**Dr.**

Am't, paid from Town Treasury,	546 74
Interest on value of farm,	180 00
Decrease on personal property,	47 57
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	\$ 774 31



**Cr.**

Am't. paid into Treasury,	\$ 139 12
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BALANCE—cost of running farm,	\$ 635 19

**Collector's Account.**

HORACE HULL, Collector, in account with the town of Charlestown,

**Dr.**

To balance tax bill, 1875,	\$ 1949 32
“ tax bill, 1876,	16 40 95
“ interest received,	54 45
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	\$ 18344 72

**Cr.**

Paid State tax,	\$ 3024 00
“ County tax,	2849 90
“ Town Treasurer,	7412 58
“ Precinct tax,	510 07
“ High School tax,	712 10
Interest deducted,	411 12
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	\$ 14919 77

In hands of Collector,	\$ 3424 95
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**Town Indebtedness.**

MARCH 1ST. 1877.

Note No. 21.....	\$ 375 00
“ “ 27.....	1000 00
“ “ 32.....	1000 00
“ “ 47.....	1000 00

"	"	48.....	70 00
"	"	51.....	300 00
"	"	54.....	3000 00
"	"	58.....	100 00
"	"	59.....	938 00
"	"	61.....	200 00
"	"	63.....	500 00
"	"	64.....	200 00
"	"	65.....	300 00
"	"	67.....	100 00
"	"	68.....	1450 00
"	"	69.....	210 00
"	"	70.....	250 00
"	"	71.....	400 00
"	"	72.....	1500 00
"	"	73.....	500 00
"	"	74.....	250 00
"	"	75.....	850 00
"	"	76.....	240 00
"	"	77.....	200 00
"	"	78.....	900 00
"	"	79.....	5000 00
"	"	80.....	185 00
"	"	81.....	1000 00
"	"	82.....	5000 00
"	"	83.....	200 00
"	"	84.....	100 00
"	"	85.....	1000 00
"	"	86.....	500 00
"	"	87.....	500 00
"	"	88.....	1500 00
"	"	89.....	250 00
"	"	90.....	400 00
"	"	91.....	500 00
Balance due Treasurer.....			1496 48
			<hr/> \$ 33464 48

## Town Farm.

John L. McCræ, service,	\$ 50 00
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" " " "	25 00
" " " "	10 00
" " " "	50 00
" " " "	40 00
" " " "	10 00
" " " "	50 00
Horace Metcalf meat,	4 80
R. R. Robertson labor,	3 50
W. H. Labaree, goods,	34 98
" " " "	10 85
Geo. S. Bond, goods,	11 85
Metcalf & Hamlin, goods,	40 00
Geo. H. Powers, use of pasture.	26 00
Wm. Smith, " "	15 00
Geo. S. Bowen, meat bill,	18 95
Geo. S. Bond, goods,	2 60
J. P. Bates, meat bill,	12 77
A. P. Foss, blacksmithing,	6 43
E. Cooley, goods,	50 92
M. C. Milliken, blacksmithing,	18 49
Metcalf & Hamlin, goods.	20 34
L. H. Royce, " "	28 81
Charles Sparrow, harness bill,	5 45
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	\$ 546 74

## Assets of the Town.

Town Farm,	\$ 3500 00
Personal property of Town Farm,	2547 55
Town Hall and furniture,	1600 00
Gravel pit,	100 00
Town safe,	100 00
Road scraper,	125 00
Geo. Lynds' note. secured }	
by mortgage, }	200 00
Due from H. B. Viall, bal. taxes.	136 12
" " Horace Hull, " " "	3424 95
800 copies town history on hand, }	
\$3 00 each, }	2400 00
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	\$ 28533 62



## Town of Charlestown,

In account with GEO. S. BOND, custodian of Town Hall.

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1876.

#### BY RENT OF TOWN HALL :

14 Free public meetings,  
 34 Meetings paying expenses only,  
 29 Meetings paying rent, 77 in all, amt'g to   \$ 224 21

### Dr.

Paid Hiram Greene, labor,	\$ 153 81
3 brooms,	88
92 gallons kerosene,	23 12
H. Cooley, labor,	50
Soap,	20
1 dozen wicks,	12
6 1-4 doz. chimneys,	9 37
Alcohol,	10
4950 lbs. coal,	21 75
Wood,	1 50
Cleaning furnace,	2 50
14 1-2 lbs. zinc,	2 17
2 patent elbows,	1 50
	\$ 217 52
Balance paid Town Treasurer,	6 69
Coal on hand,	4 75
Oil on hand,	3 50
Chimneys on hand,	9 37
Wood on hand,	1 25
Furnace, permanent repairs,	3 67

Net Town Hall receipts, \$ 29 23

To this is to be added the expenses of the 14 Town Meetings and Caucuses, the receipts from which were nothing, and the cost of which are included in the Debt-or Account.

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GEORGE S. BOND, CUSTODIAN.

MARCH 1st., 1877.

The Selectmen recommend the raising of the following sums for the ensuing year.

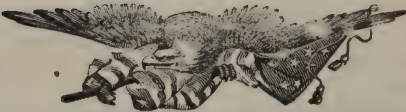
For State Tax.....	\$ 2836 00
“ County Tax.....	3000 00
“ Schools.....	2400 00
“ Roads and Bridges.....	1000 00
“ Town Officers.....	700 00
“ Paupers.....	800 00
“ Interest on Town Debt.....	1800 00
“ Incidentals.....	600 00
“ Cemeteries.....	200 00
“ Highways.....	1600 00

All of which is respectfully submitted by

ROBERT R. ALLEN,	}	<i>Selectmen of Charlestown.</i>
R. W. PIPER,		
FRANKLIN W. PUTNAM.		

We have examined the within accounts and find the same to be correct and properly vouched.

ABEL HUNT,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
GEOROE HUBBARD,		
SAMUEL E. GOWING.		



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

CHARLESTOWN, N. H..

For the year ending March, 2nd. 1877.

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In presenting this annual report, I shall rely upon the forbearance of my fellow-townsmen, if I “remove the ancient land-marks that the fathers have set,” and, instead of giving the direct course of our successes and failures in each individual case, give some of the leading difficulties that every teacher and scholar have to meet with; and although these words are not from the oracle of wisdom, they are given with a strong belief that with a very little effort, our schools can be brought to a better condition.

The first great trial of our teachers in many schools is, a lack of uniformity in text books. We have schools in town where there are five different authors upon the same subject, necessitating an equal number of classes, when, if proper books were used, not more than two classes would be necessary. It should be the duty of the Superintendent to make the books uniform throughout the town, but as only a small part is allowed by law

to be done in one year, it will take some time to reach perfection, and, in the mean time, the parents should see to it that their children have the proper books. This is only a mental disadvantage, but there is a physical evil in the form of those old straight-back benches. They are mere instruments of torture to those little folks who go day after day and try to sit still, either from fear of punishment, or from respect to their teacher. The backs of the benches are upright in many of our School Houses, and the seat is at right angle with the desk, and so high, that the smaller Scholars cannot touch their feet to the floor. Is it any wonder that they do not sit erect? It is almost an impossibility. When I hear parents say that their children are tired of school, and they are afraid they are studying too hard, my mind pictures a little boy in one of those old seats, with his back forming a semi-circle, and his lower limbs hanging so heavily upon the sharply defined edge of the form as to prevent a free circulation, and I wonder if it is hard study that makes them feel so listless. Another influence bearing upon the habits and characters of the scholars is, the dilapidated and unthrifty aspect of our School Houses. The desks are notched and carved, the handiwork of past generations; and the scholar feels a spirit of Vandalism awakening, and a desire to make his mark even more barbarous than his predecessors. "As the twig is bent, the tree inclines." "Give me the child until ten years of age, and I will give you the *man*," are old and hackneyed sayings: but I wonder if we had not best get the full meaning of *these*, before we learn any new ones. All these evils can be easily remedied. Most of the School Houses are large enough, and require only comfortable and neat interiors to make them pleasant. Bring this matter up at the next school meeting, and if you do not feel able to buy new desks, appoint a day when you will all meet at the School House and cut down those old benches, or put in some substantial foot-racks, plane off those hieroglyphics, and cover with a neat coat of paint. These all have an influence upon our Schools, but they are not the direct causes of our failures. A Teacher to attain the highest



degree of success must have the support of *all* the parents. Don't stand back and decide upon the character of your Teacher, as the sailors tell the nature of the distant vessel, "by the cut of her jib," but go to them as friend meets friend, regard them as second only to yourselves in the education of your children. In case of difference of opinion that betoken coming trouble, "go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone." Many of our failures could be prevented by the counsel of one faithful friend at the right moment. The story of the boy who stayed all night holding his hand over a leakage in the dyke, fearing to leave lest the opening should enlarge beyond control before help could be procured, is a striking example of what a small force can prevent—a great disaster—if taken at the critical moment. What would have been the consequence if the boy had strolled down to the grocery and remarked, that in his opinion that was'n't much of a dyke. The inference is easy, and the moral plain.

I have been accused of being too radical in this matter, but I only ask you to use your Teacher as you use your other laborers; provide them with all the modern improvements for facilitating labor, *and then* aid them all you can. I do not urge this at the present time because the Schools are unusually needy in these particulars, (for it has been a year of general success) neither do I urge it as a favor to myself, nor to the coming man, but, as a duty due to your children, to the Teacher, and yourselves.

## The Village Schools.

The two Primary Schools and the Grammar School have enjoyed a year of uninterrupted success. MRS. MARY PUTNAM still reigns in love at the North School, and is loved in return by all her little host.

MISS LOUISE GRINNELL, at the South Primary has been equally favored. The noticeable feature of the School was the kind, but decided manner in which the responsibility of recitation was thrown upon the Scholars, making

it apparent that they were expected to answer without leaning upon the Teacher.

The Grammar School has been taught by Miss A. O. PERHAM, who is a disciplinarian. The methods of instruction were good, but the excellence consisted in the system which regulated everything.

The High School has been less fortunate. Miss ELLA HARWOOD was engaged for the year, and the school opened with flattering prospects, but after a short time she was compelled by sickness, to abandon the undertaking. By the promptness of the Committee, MESSRS. STOUGHTON, BOND & ROYCE, only one day was lost before Mr. LEAVITT HAYWOOD was installed as Teacher, and the School was terminated without further interruption, and was as successful as a broken Term could well be. Miss HARWOOD returned for the Fall Term, but she was not supported in her efforts, and the School was not a success. The Winter Term has been under the instruction of Mr. J. D. HASKELL, and has been remarkably well conducted.

**District No. 1.** The Schools in this District have both been good. Miss FLORA BLODGETT taught the Summer Term, and Miss CLARA E. HARDY, the Winter Term.

**District No. 4.** Miss ABBIE JONES has had charge of the three Terms in this District. Aided by the good wishes of the parents and scholars, the Teacher made it a good School. The Winter Term was well attended by young gentlemen and ladies, who did justice to themselves and their Teacher.

**District No. 5.** The Summer Term, taught by Miss LIZZIE J. PUTNAM, was followed by a Fall and Winter Term, taught by your Committee. The School was pleasant throughout, and believed to be profitable. This school contains some of the first Scholars in Town.

**District No. 6.** The Summer Term was conducted by Miss LIZZIE PHELPS, and although not evincing the most vigorous study, yet was considered a very pleasant Term, which was a point gained. The Win-

ter term was commenced by Miss EMMA PHELPS, but cold weather brought to the surface the Reum that had disappeared in the Summer. The Scholars were not interested, and a spirit of lawlessness prevailed. After nine weeks of discouraging and fruitless labor, Miss PHELPS resigned the position. The School is now under the instruction of Mr. O. H. CLARK. The habits of study of most of the Scholars are of the poorest. There are a few good Scholars, but as a whole, the School is in a deplorable condition. The School demands the best efforts of a first class Teacher, seconded by the united and hearty support of the whole District, to bring it to the position it should occupy in the list of our Schools.

**District No. 7.** This School is of the best quality, and has been well taught, in the Summer by Miss LUCIA ALLEN, and in the Winter by Mr. HERMAN J. LANE.

**District No. 8.** The two Terms of the School in this District were taught by Miss MARY FLETCHER. Both Terms of the School were small, but the Scholars always seemed interested, and did very good work.

**District No. 9.** The Summer Term, taught by Miss NELLIE M. BUSWELL, was not as pleasant or as profitable as it might have been if the District had been a unit. They all united with Mr. LEAVETT PERHAM to make the Winter Term a success. This Term shortened on account of the bad condition of the road, which also prevented your Committee from making a visit at the close, but all agreed that they had a good School.

**District No. 10.** There is no School House in this District, and a Fall Term was held in the house of Michael Meany. It was taught by DAVID HANNING.

**District No. 11.** There has been two Terms of School in this District, under the direction of Miss LUCIA ADAMS. In no School have I heard so strictly correct answers as here. The precision with which every word was placed gave the impression that too much time had been given to memorizing, and too little

to principles involved.

**District No. 12.** There has been only one Term in this District. It was taught by Miss NELLIE M. BUSWELL, who proved to a demonstration that she could keep a good school.

**District No. 13.** The Summer Term was taught by Miss MARCIA KIMBALL. The impression received from the single visit made by the Committee was that the instruction given was of the highest order. The unexpected closing precluded a second visit.

**District No. 14.** The Summer Term was taught by Miss NELLIE MOODY, and the Winter Term by Mr. G. E. WHIPPLE. Both Teachers labored with zeal worthy of better success. Noticeable improvement was made in the Winter Term in the first classes in reading, and the primary spelling classes.

The Statistical Table appended, is not always a true indication of the interest felt in the School, because sickness may have great influence in the number of absences recorded in the Summer Term. Fourteen of the fifteen absences being caused by the illness of scholars. But taking the two items of tardy-marks and the number of citizens visits, you may get a comparative idea of the interest felt in the Schools.

With thanks for the kindness with which my efforts have been received in all parts of the Town. I submit this as my view of the true condition of our Schools.

C. E. WHIPPLE,  
*Superintendent of Schools.*

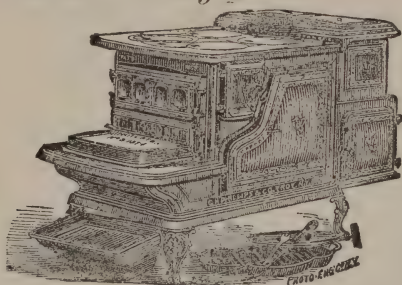




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## TEACHERS.

		Length of School.		No. Scholars.		No. days absent.		Visits by S. P. C.		Visit by Citizens.	
		No. Term,		No. Term,		No. days absent.		Visits by S. P. C.		Visit by Citizens.	
No. 1.	1st.	Miss Flora Blodgett,	7	13	67	82	2	7			
	2nd.	" Clara E. Hardy,	12	11	14	15	1	30			
	"	"	10	23	0	238	2	33			
N. Primary.	1st.	Mrs. Mary Putnam,	10	42	12	116	2	53			
	2nd.	"	10	31	33	197	3	82			
	3d.	"	13	81	20	165	3	10			
S. Primary.	1st.	Miss Louise Grinnell,	10	48	30	321	2	48			
	2nd.	"	10	48	27	343	3	34			
	3d.	"	13	36	26	213	2	15			
Grammar.	1st.	Miss A. O. Perham,	10	46	26	213	2	27			
	2nd.	"	10	51	39	89	2	41			
	3d.	"	13	50	102	204	4	18			
High School.	1st.	Mr. Leavett Hayward,	10	25	10	145	5	18			
	2d.	Miss Ella Harwood,	10	25	56	122	3	18			
	3d.	Mr. J. D. Haskell,	10	25	56	122	3	18			
No. 4.	1st.	Miss Abbie Jones,	10	24	27	138	2	40			
	2d.	"	7	29	15	81	2	17			
	3d.	"	12	29	26	167	2	30			
No. 5.	1st.	Miss Lizzie Putnam,	9	21	0	19	1	9			
	2nd.	Mr. C. E. Whipple,	9	27	9	17	14	21			
	3d.	"	12	19	5	64	2	6			
No. 6.	1st.	Miss Lizzie Phelps,	11	22	107	122	2	7			
	2nd.	Miss Ella Phelps,	9	25	116	206	2	20			
	3d.	Miss Louise Allen,	10	15	0	15	2	27			
No. 7.	1st.	Mr. Herman J. Lane,	10	13	2	18	2	5			
	2nd.	Miss Mary Fletcher,	9	10	16	4	2	23			
	3d.	"	12	9	25	22	2	8			
No. 8.	1st.	Miss Nellie Buswell,	10	24	6	111	1	19			
	2d.	Mr. Leavitt Perham,	10	24	76	164	1	10			
	3d.	Mr. David Hanning,	12	8	3	29	1	2			
No. 9.	1st.	Miss Lucia Adams,	7	12	0	102	2	8			
	2nd.	"	10	12	7	138	2	9			
	3d.	Miss Nellie Buswell,	9	9	12	44	2	12			
No. 10.	1st.	Marcia Kimball,	7	15	7	99	1	10			
	2nd.	Miss Angie M. Hayward,	12	16	24	173	2	31			
	3d.	Miss Nellie Moody,	8	11	64	34	2	4			
No. 11.	1st.	Mr. G. E. Whipple,	11	13	55	71	3	10			
	2nd.	"	10	12	7	138	2	9			
	3d.	"	10	12	7	138	2	9			
No. 12.	1st.	Miss Nellie Buswell,	7	15	7	99	1	10			
	2nd.	Marcia Kimball,	12	16	24	173	2	31			
	3d.	Miss Nellie Moody,	8	11	64	34	2	4			
No. 13.	1st.	Mr. G. E. Whipple,	11	13	55	71	3	10			
	2nd.	"	10	12	7	138	2	9			
	3d.	"	10	12	7	138	2	9			
No. 14.	1st.	Miss Nellie Buswell,	7	15	7	99	1	10			
	2nd.	Marcia Kimball,	12	16	24	173	2	31			
	3d.	Miss Nellie Moody,	8	11	64	34	2	4			
No. 15.	1st.	Mr. G. E. Whipple,	11	13	55	71	3	10			
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
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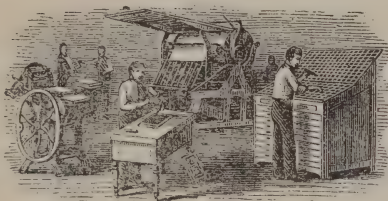
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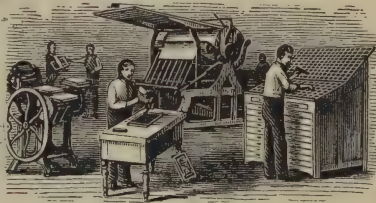
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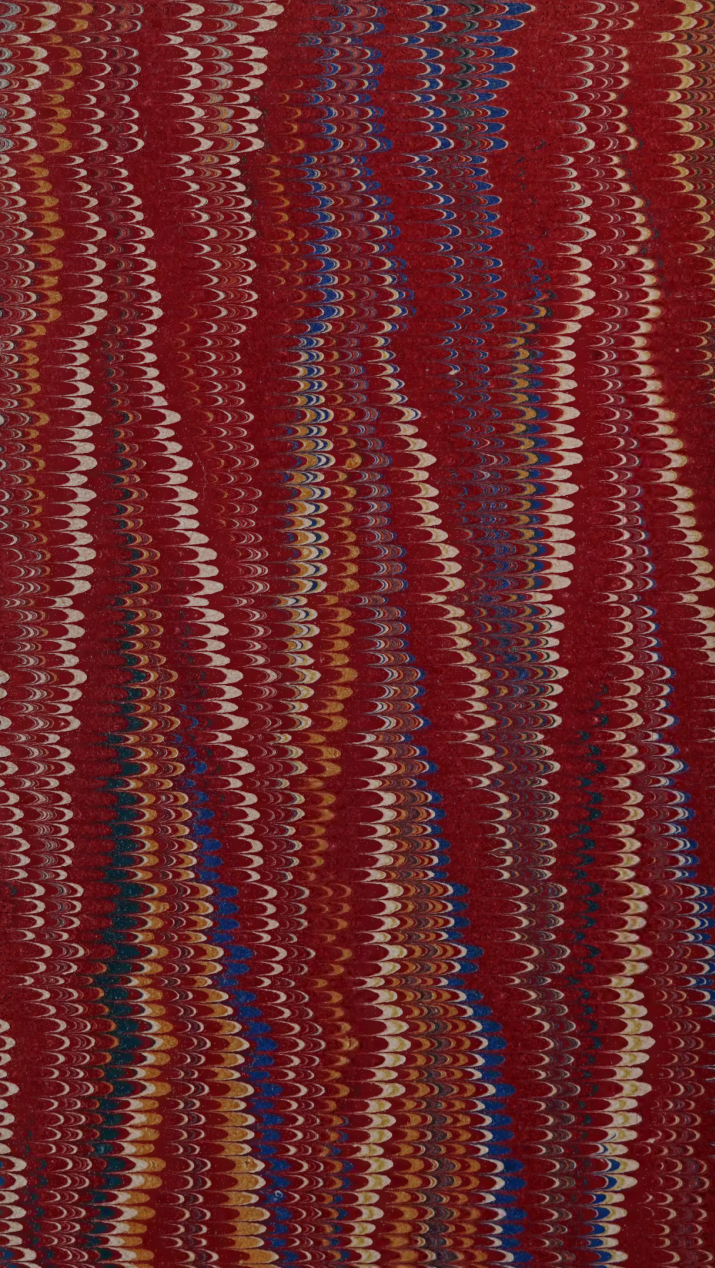
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